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(U) On May 7, Poloff and Italian Defense Attache jointly demarched with Haider Shah, Director of the United Nations I Desk at the MFA, the invitation to participate in the upcoming training course at the Center of Excellence for Stability Police Units (COESPU) for United Nations - African Union Hybrid Mission in Darfur (UNAMID) countries. This conversation was a follow-up to a faxed invitation sent to Shah by the Italian Embassy on April 30. Shah notified the Ministries of Defense and Interior and felt certain that Pakistan would participate in the training. However, he noted that the GOP had reservations about committing to this training until it was given better clarity from the Government of Italy on the training that would be offered and whether it will be more appropriate to nominate military or civilian police officers, both of whom participate in the peacekeeping effort. PATTERSON